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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated August 18, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claim 6 has been amended to highlight the features distinguishing the present invention from the prior art. Claim 6 has also been amended to correct the typographical error identified by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §102 - Claims 6 and 4

Claims 6 to 4 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of the disclosure in US 6,199,977 in the Komplin et al.

The Applicant disagrees. Amended claim 6 defines that the cradle accepts a single cartridge at a time and the cartridge must be from the set of supported cartridges. Furthermore, the set of supported cartridges has different performance characteristics. The printer performance can be adjusted by the user by replacing one of the supported cartridge with a different cartridge from the supported subset of the range.

Komplin accepts a series separate ink cartridges, each containing a different color. The recess provided for each color has a keying feature to stop the user from inserting the cartridges in the wrong order. Replacing one of the color cartridges with another cartridge of the same color does not vary the performance of the printer. Komplin clearly fails to teach a user upgradable printer and several of the elements defined in amended claim 6.

In light of the above, '977 does not anticipate claims 6 and 4.

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35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 2, 3 and 5

Claims 2, 3 and 5 stand rejected as obvious in light of Komplin in view of US 250,738 to Waller et al. or US 6,390,615 to Carrese et al.

It follows from the above that the combined disclosures of Komplin and Waller or Komplin and Carrese fail to teach all the elements of any claims depending from amended claim 6. Therefore the cited references do not support a §103 rejection of these claims.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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